

Arlington Council on Aging

## Minutes

*Date: Thursday September 15, 2022 Time: 6:00 pm*

*Present: Pat Baillieul, Anne Brown, Sheila Connerney, Nancy Cox, Nancy Feeney, Mary Hung, Michael Quinn, Kristine Shah*

*Associate members present: Rick Fentin, Karen Nichols, Bob Tosi, Marjorie Vanderhill*

***Location: This meeting will be conducted in a Hybrid format. Board members have a choice of attending in person or virtually. Residents can attend either in person, or virtually. These meetings are open to the public and all are welcome. Please call 781-316-3401 or e-mail [KShah@town.arlington.ma.us](mailto:KShah@town.arlington.ma.us) for the link to join the virtual meeting which can be accessed by computer with internet access or by telephone for audio access only.***

*Kristine Shah, Executive Director*

*Michael Quinn, Chair*

*Sheila Connerney, Secretary*

*The Council's primary responsibilities are to design, promote, and implement programs and services to address the needs of the community's elder population, and to coordinate existing services in the community.*

1. Call to order at 6:05pm
2. Citizen's Open Forum; None
3. Minutes of the June 2022 meeting for approval. Members have not had a chance to review minutes so the Board will approve at October 2022 meeting.
4. Executive Director's Report

See notes in report attached.

The Board Chair will reach out to the Select Board Liaison regarding funding to repair or replace elevator, which has been out of service periodically since the renovation.

The Board is requesting more information on the Trust to guide spending.

Flu shots and Covid boosters will be given to homebound residents by the town nurse in upcoming weeks, starting with senior housing.

#### 6. Report of the Chair

Michael Quinn moved to withdraw \$7068 from the Sevoyan Fund to cover the cost of the new COA van. Pat Baillieul seconded the motion. Motion approved.

#### 8. Minuteman Senior Services Report

Several volunteer positions are needed in Arlington: Meals on Wheels, senior dining assistant, and money manager.

Effort being made to increase pay of home health workers.

There was an electronic security breach.

There is room for 1-2 more board members to represent Arlington.

#### 10. Old Business

#### 11. New Business

#### 12. Other Community Announcements

Every Friday in September Youville in Lexington has drive through coffee for the public.

13. Adjourn Mary Hung moved to adjourn. Nancy Cox seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Next meeting: October 20, 2022

#### Executive Director's Report

Kristine Shah

#### Reopening & Renovation

a. 1,384 unique individuals "active" at the community center since reopening in April  
Remaining upgrades to be done include: exterior signage, exterior security cameras C.  
Elevator refacing was completed over the summer; numerous/ongoing repairs were needed over the past few months

## COA Programs & Services Update

a. Congregate lunches are being served by MMSS every Tuesday & Wednesday. Additional days will be added over the coming months. b. Partnership with Housing Trust over the summer; listening session held at Community Center and Survey assistance provided. C. BINGO on Wednesdays resumed in July. d. Miniature Horse Therapy event in August was well attended and we will continue to have events with mental health as a focus.

Faces of Remembrance 9/11 Memorial Wall hosted by the COA in the Main Hall f. New for September: Strong and STEADI class, Ping Pong, Memorial Rock Painting Classes, Pool Tournaments, International Film Screenings with AIFF National Senior Center Luncheon & Jazz Concert 9/29; unveiling of Memorial Rock Garden Beginning September 1, Fitness Classes and some other programs that have costs incurred, will begin charging \$3 per class on a drop in basis. COA "Easy Tickets" have been created to help folks who use COA programs and services frequently and also double as van tickets. They never expire and can be used for luncheons or any COA costs. i. Hybrid options for classes and activities continue when possible. Hybrid classes have the same fees as in-person. j. Van Rides to the Community Center are still free.

## Age & Dementia Friendly Actions a. Dementia Friendly Sub Committee b. Parking

a. Lexington Senior Parking Program b. Steering Committee of Arlington Residents meeting in October

## COA Staff Update

a. Our new receptionist, Eva Gomez, started her full time role with us last month. b. We hired a 5th COA Van Driver, Dick Wiseman, who also started this summer.

## V.

### Seeking Grant Funding for

a. Various programming costs b. Café coffee & snacks

## VI.

### Sevoyan Trust Requests

a. COA Van b. Sevoyan Dental C. Sevoyan Personal Needs

## VII.

### Town Day

**People that were active between 04/03/2022 and 09/08/2022**

### Filters:

Age: >=60 Site(s): All

**Age Range as of 09/08/2022 Count Percent**

Ages 55-59

2  
7  
2.0  
%

Ages 60-64

5.8  
%

Ages 65-69

21  
7  
15.7  
%

Ages 70-74

30  
4  
22.0  
%

Ages 75-79

24  
8  
17.9  
%

Ages 80-84

19  
8  
14.3  
%

Ages Below 55

21

1.5  
%

Ages Over 85

281

20.3  
%

Unknown

8

0.6  
%

**Total  
s**

**138  
4**

**100  
%**

### **September 2022 Sevoyan Requests**

As of July 31, 2022 the Charles Sevoyan Charitable Trust ending market value was \$330,332 with a market change of +\$7,342.

**Total Amount Requested - \$22,068**

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COA Van; Request: \$7,068

Our new COA Van paid for partially through a MassDOT grant arrived on September 2, 2022. This van was ordered in April 2021. MassDot has paid 80% toward the cost and we are responsible for the remaining 20% which is \$19,361. Historically, the COA Vans have been paid through the Sevoyan Trust. We have \$12,294 in the Sevoyan transportation account and I am seeking approval to transfer the remaining \$7,068 necessary.

### **Sevoyan Dental; Request: \$5,000**

In FY22, the Sevoyan Dental fund served 23 seniors with \$6,900 in dental expense assistance. The current fund balance is \$6,936. COA Social Workers have been seeing the rising cost of dental bills and we have numerous seniors asking us for assistance in paying bills that are well over \$1,000 for one necessary procedure. Tam seeking approval from the board to increase the annual per person grant amount to \$500 (from \$300) and also transfer \$5,000 from the trust which will give us a balance of \$11,936. This would allow us to spend \$500 on 23 older adults in FY23. FY21 served 21 people; FY22 served 23 people at \$300 per person.

### **Sevoyan Personal Needs; Request: \$10,000**

Many older adults exhaust all personal funds and expendable income on rent/mortgage and food. The Sevoyan Personal Needs fund is used for older adults to purchase items that they desperately need, including safety equipment for their home, personal care items, household items and crucial furniture. COA Social Workers request financial assistance from this fund for Arlington residents age 60+. There is a \$300 max benefit, per person, per year. In FY22, this fund supported 40 individuals with \$12,000 in total. The current fund balance is \$2,380. I am seeking approval to transfer \$10,000 from the trust to bring the balance to \$12,380. This will allow us to assist 41 people at \$300 per person this year.

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TOWN OF ARLINGTON FOR PERIOD OF 07/01/2022 TO 07/31/2022

**Type**

Beginning Market

**Value Non-Expendable**

**Type**

4520

**AcctName**

5463

**Beginning Market Value Expendable**

9999 Monthly

**Change in Market Value**

Ending Market

**Value Expendable**

**Income**

Ending Market

**Value**

Ending Market

**Value Non-Expendable**

**Fees**

**Total**

772 Non-Expendable Trust Funds

238,336.97

**COA** 772 Expendable T Charles Sevoyan Charitable Trust

84,258.83

447.76

-53.77

€ 7,342.89

91,995.71

238,336.97

330,332.68

12/31/21

104,313

3131121

+20,175 125,586 + 14,399 108,653

363,923 346,990

93,261

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